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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

A copy of the listed document is attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making an appropriate notation on the attached form.

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